

COVID Update November 9, 2020

Dear Residents, Tenants and Families,

Last week on Monday and Tuesday we tested employees and residents at both St. John's locations. All of the tests results came back negative for the COVID-19 virus which is awesome! I commend our employees, essential caregivers, residents and tenants for taking precautions to prevent, or slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Thank You!

One of our licensed nurses at the Luther Place Nursing Home was tested for the COVID-19 virus last Thursday, November 5. Unfortunately, she tested positive for the COVID virus. She is doing fine and will be in quarantine until November 14.

The number of people testing positive for the COVID-19 virus is increasing in Freeborn County and the State of Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) continues to issues warnings that the number of people infected with the COVID-19 virus is increasing. This puts all of us at greater risk of being exposed to the virus and subsequently contracting the virus. Please take care when you are out and about in the community.

On a much more positive note, Pfizer reported today that the COVID-19 vaccine is 90% effective at preventing the COVID-19 infection. The vaccine is still in the trial phase, but the initial results look very promising. I'm hopeful that the spread of this virus will be impeded once the vaccine is approved and distributed to seniors, high risk individuals, healthcare workers and the general population.

God Bless,

Scot Spates CEO / Administrator